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**Request for filing a Continuation-in-Part Patent Application  
under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Transmitted herewith for filing is the **Patent Application** of:

Inventor: **Miller**

For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
TIMEOUT-FREE WAITING FOR AN  
ORDERED MESSAGE IN A CLUSTERED  
COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT**

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ASSIGNEE NAME: International Business Machine Corporation  
ASSIGNEE RESIDENCE: Armonk, New York

This is a request for filing a continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/438,207 filed on 11/12/99 and entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING A TASK IN A CLUSTERED COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT. The prior application has been incorporated by reference.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Continuation-in-part utility patent application, with specification, claims, and abstract
- ☒ 8 sheets of drawings. (FORMAL/INFORMAL)
- ☒ Assignment of the invention to International Business Machines Corporation, Armonk, New York 10504, with Cover Sheet Form PTO 1595.
- ☒ Executed Declaration & Power of Attorney for Patent Application
- ☒ Return postcard.

The inventor of the invention being claimed is: Robert Miller, one of the two inventors as in the original application.

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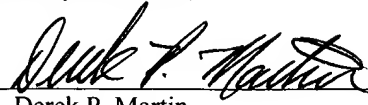
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